

****SPECIAL EVENT MEDIA ADVISORY****

WHO: Second Street School in Frankfort, Kentucky To Join Students Across the Country in First-Ever Virtual National Constitution Day Event - "America Reads the Constitution"

WHAT: Second Street School students and students from 42 other schools across the country will use the ultra-fast Internet2 nationwide research and education network to participate in a massive National Constitution Day videoconference event sponsored by MAGPI and the National Constitution Center. Called "America Reads the Constitution," the event will use high-quality videoconferencing technology to bridge hundreds of students across time zones and state borders to read the Constitution together; thousands more will be watching the live webstream. By providing this first-ever interactive virtual platform for National Constitution Day, students will be able share and learn alongside their peers from all regions of the U.S. in a celebration of our nation's most important historical document.

The program will be lead by Constitution High School in Philadelphia, PA. Each school site will be assigned a portion of the Constitution to read as part of the multi-site videoconference including Washington State School for the Blind who will read their portion from Braille and the Scranton State School for the Deaf who will share their section in American sign-language. In addition, the Cleveland Institute of Music has created an original musical score to accompany their readers. After completing the full reading, students will be able to ask each other questions and share observations of their experiences.

The general public is invited to watch live by following: <http://commonsvcg.oar.net/MAGPI>. Click on "America Reads the Constitution" under the live conferences category.

WHEN: Friday, September 15, 2006, 1:00pm EDT EST

WHERE: Frankfort High School, Distance Learning Lab, 328 Shelby St., Frankfort

List of schools participating in "America Reads the Constitution":

- Hutchinson Institute of Technology, Fairbanks, AK
- Samuel Jackman Middle School, Sacramento, CA
- Miami Palmetto Senior High School, Pinecrest, FL
- St. Ann School, Chicago, IL
- Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN
- Nehama Valley High School, Seneca, KS
- Pleasanton High School, Pleasanton, KS
- Second Street School, Frankfort, KY
- Hampshire Regional High School, Westhampton, MA
- Coppin Academy, Baltimore, MD
- Old Town High School, Old Town, ME
- St. Joseph High School, St. Joseph, MI
- North Branch Senior High School, North Branch, MN
- Sandburg Middle School, Golden Valley, MN
- Odessa Public Schools, Odessa, MO
- Rural Hall Elementary School, Rural Hall, NC
- Fessendon-Bowdon Public School, Fessenden, ND
- Passaic Valley High School, Little Falls, NJ
- Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, OH
- Career and Technology Education Center of Licking County, Newark, OH
- Fairland High School, Proctorville, OH
- Harte-Crossroads Public Schools, Columbus, OH
- St. Charles School, Lima, OH
- Minford Middle School, Minford, OH
- Odessa School District, Odessa, OH
- Comanche Elementary School, Comanche, OK
- Constitution High School, Philadelphia, PA
- Springfield High School, Springfield, PA
- Delaware Valley High School, Milford, PA

- E.T. Richardson Middle School, Springfield, PA
- Lower Merion High School, Ardmore, PA
- Scranton State School for the Deaf, Scranton, PA
- Swiftwater Intermediate School, Swiftwater, PA
- Welsh Valley Middle School, Narberth, PA
- Exeter West-Greenwich High School, West Greenwich, RI
- Kickemuit Middle School, Warren, RI
- Ponaganset High School, North Scituate, RI
- West Warwick High School, West Warwick, RI
- Wickford Middle School, North Kingstown, RI
- Calhoun High School, Port Lavaca, TX
- Wolters Accelerated High School, Deer Park, TX
- Slocum High School, Elkhart, TX
- Wahluke High School, Mattawa, WA
- Washington State School for the Blind, Vancouver, WA

ABOUT MAGPI

MAGPI provides regional and Internet2 connectivity to its member institutions in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. A division of Information Systems and Computing at The University of Pennsylvania, MAGPI is committed to promoting advanced applications, collaborations, and services for the K20 research and education community through high performance networking technology. For more information about MAGPI, visit

<http://www.magpi.net>

ABOUT INTERNET2

Based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Internet2 is the foremost U.S. advanced networking consortium. Led by the research and education community since 1996, Internet2 promotes the missions of its members by providing both leading-edge network capabilities and unique partnership opportunities that together facilitate the development, deployment and use of revolutionary Internet technologies. Internet2 brings the U.S. research and academic community together with technology leaders from industry, government and the international community to undertake collaborative efforts that have a fundamental impact on tomorrow's Internet. For more information:

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ABOUT THE INTERNET2 COMMONS

Bringing geographically dispersed members of the Internet2 community together for real time collaboration has become essential to the progress of education and research. Internet2 has pioneered the use of real time communication technology through The Internet2 Commons service which enables the broad use of IP-based collaboration technologies like H.323 videoconferencing. The Commons allows members to schedule and hold distributed multipoint events, working groups, classes, meetings, no matter where participants may be physically located.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. Opened on July 4, 2003, the Constitution Center is a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education and debates, and is a partner of NPR's "Justice Talking," a program of the Annenberg Public Policy Center. For more information: <http://www.constitutioncenter.org>.

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